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DOD Pledges to Support Anti-Harassment Legislation

The Defense Department has assured the Senate Commerce Committee strong support of any legislation which promises protection against harassment to members of the armed forces and their dependents.

Representing DOD, Brig. Gen. William M. Berg, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military personnel policy, expressed views to the committee on bills which would make obscene, threatening and harassing telephone calls in interstate or foreign commerce a Federal offense.

DOD is drafting substitute legislation to broaden the scope of protection on all facets of harassment. Gen. Berg noted that the bills under consideration concern only telephonic communications.

Although reported incidents of harassment of service families have been mostly by telephone, the general explained, other incidents included letters, postcards, telegrams and face-to-face visits.

A spot check of nine representative military bases in the U.S. showed approximately 500 reported complaints of all types of harassment during the past year.

Defense Manpower Chief Returns from RVN Visit

A review of rest and recuperation sites for U.S. servicemen serving in Vietnam has been conducted by Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris.

The secretary, accompanied by Assistant General Counsel (Manpower) Frank Bartimo, just returned from a visit to South Vietnam where he also checked on other manpower matters.

Present policy affords the opportunity for each U.S. serviceman serving in Vietnam to receive a 5-7 day R&R out of the country. The serviceman bears all expenses except for transportation to an R&R area.

Department of Defense officials are concerned with the welfare, morale, health, moral guidance and information and education of U.S. military personnel.

VISITS USS AMERICA—VAdm. C. T. Booth, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (right), is welcomed aboard USS America, on Mediterranean deployment, by RAdm. James O. Cobb, Commander Carrier Division Two. Purpose of visit was at-sea orientation.

U.S. Air Force Crews Congratulated For Performance Against MIGs

Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance has congratulated Air Force F-4 crews who distinguished themselves recently in combat with North Vietnamese MIGs.

In a memorandum to Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown, Secretary Vance said, "The Air Force can be very proud of their splendid and truly professional performance."

Through Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell, Secretary Brown sent his congratulations along with Secretary Vance's to Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Air Forces, Gen. Hunter Harris Jr.

Gen. McConnell added, "The memoranda are evidence of the high level esteem held for our crews that engage MIG aircraft in North Vietnam. It is my wish that these memoranda be forwarded to the individuals concerned together with my personal congratulations. I expect the cause for this confidence to continue and to improve."

Washington Memos

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT modernization becomes more apparent as significant numbers of new helicopters, tanks, trucks, self-propelled howitzers, and radio sets arrive in troop units, notes Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor in 1966 Armed Forces Report. He said items being procured include General Sheridan armored reconnaissance vehicle with Shillelagh guided missile system and squad-carrying Iroquois helicopter.

FORMER AIR FORCE Secretary Eugene M. Zuckert has been named first chairman of the Air Force Academy Advisory Council. Appointment was made by Air Force Secretary Harold Brown. Function of council is to provide continuing advice to Academy Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, and his staff on policies, program and techniques for education, motivation and professional development of Air Force cadets.

U.S. HAS ESTABLISHED new Antarctic station at what is believed to be coldest spot on earth, where temperature may fall to 130 degrees fahrenheit or more below zero. It is expected lowest temperature will be recorded during forthcoming winter, probably around July 4, Douglas Elvers, geophysicist with Environmental Science Services, said. Coldest previously recorded in Antarctica by U.S. was minus 113 degrees fahrenheit on July 21, 1965.

NAVAL TACTICAL GUNFIRE support in RVN delivered some 90,000 5-inch, 6-inch, and 8-inch high explosive shells on enemy targets in 1965. In typical operation, Destroyer O'Brien fired 48 tons of ammunition during continuous 26-hour mission. Call-fire was delivered within 100 yards of Australian troops under attack.

CASH AWARD GUIDANCE under Incentive Awards Program is in several official publications available to service personnel and civilian employees. Details on all program aspects are in DOD Directive 5120.15; DOD Instruction 5120.16; AR 672-301; AFR 900-4, AFR 40-470 and AFRs 40-472 thru 40-475; and NCPI 450.

INCENTIVE AWARDS COMMITTEES acted on 247,000 suggestions in FY65. More than 67,000 were adopted, saving the Government nearly $82 million in first year benefits. Suggestors earned $2.7 million in cash awards.

SGT. NORMAN B. SUMNER, USMC, cited as most outstanding NCO serving in RVN by MACV. Silver Star holder served as crew chief of a UH-34D helicopter. He won awards for actions during medical evacuation mission in Viet Cong territory.

DEHYDRATED RATION KIT will be tested and evaluated by six companies of 1st (Big Red One) Infantry Division in RVN. Experimental food will be prepared on standard field ranges by food service personnel. Typical meal could include tomato-vegetable soup, crackers, biscuit-topped chicken pie, green peas, bread, chocolate chip cookies, and coffee or tea.

DESTROYER TENDER USS Samuel Gompers (AD-37) was launched May 14 at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash. Principal speaker was Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz. Ship was sponsored by Mrs. Joseph Holmes, oldest granddaughter of Samuel Gompers, who was first president of American Federation of Labor.

CASUALTY FIGURES REVEAL that 3,234 U. S. service personnel lost their lives in RVN from Jan. 1, 1961 thru May 7, 1966, from hostile action causes. Additionally, 17,614 suffered nonfatal wounds. Nonhostile action causes claimed lives of 736 during this period.

MILITARY TONNAGE DISCHARGED at U.S. Army 1st Logistical Command ports in RVN's II, III and IV Corps areas nearing 10,000-tons-per-day mark, command has announced. Total amount of war cargo unloaded at Log's eight ports topped 302,000-ton figure in April, first time 300,000-ton mark of incoming Free World military cargo has been reached.

SHIPPING OUTLOOK FOR 1972 is combination of new 20-knot ships and older vessels furnishing capability for large scale amphibious operations simultaneously in Pacific and Atlantic. It is hoped this can be accomplished exclusively with 20-knot shipping by 1974.

SOME 98 PERCENT of all military equipment and supplies supporting RVN operations are shipped by Navy's Military Sea Transportation Service and U. S. Merchant Marine. Ships carry practically all aviation gasoline, jet fuel, and bulk petroleum products. This task involves more than one million barrels a month.

CRITICAL EVALUATION OF current social work practices in mental hygiene consultation services, Army hospitals, combat divisions and disciplinary barracks will be discussed at Sixteenth Annual Military Social Work Seminar, May 28-29, in Chicago. Approximately 50 top Army Social Work officers are scheduled to attend. New Army Community Service Program, designed to strengthen family life and improve social conditions, will also be discussed.

FT. BENNING, GA., hosted Brigadier D. C. Cameron, Commandant, Canadian Army Staff College and 99 members of staff and student body, April 29-May 3, as part of 11 day tour of various U.S. Army posts. College is at Ft. Frontenac, Kingston, Ontario.

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Defense Dept. Increases Purchase of Pork Products

A substantial drop in hog prices since January has prompted the Defense Department to increase pork purchases cut back earlier this year.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman had assured hog producers from the midwest that a review would be made and in response to lower prices DOD would increase its purchase of pork.

Earlier this year DOD ordered a reduction in purchases of pork for military feeding in the Continental U.S. after prices of hogs and pork had risen sharply late in 1965 and early 1966.

Lt. Col. Clarke Named Army's 'Nurse of Year'

First "U. S. Army Nurse of the Year" is Lt. Col. Margaret G. Clarke, former chief of Army nurses, RVN.

Col. Clarke was cited for outstanding leadership, dedication and exemplary conduct supporting counter-insurgency operations.

She became first woman officer to earn the Legion of Merit and Air Medal in RVN while assigned as Chief, Nursing Service, 8th Field Hospital, and Chief Nurse, U. S. Army, Vietnam.

Nurse Clarke returned from RVN in March and is assigned as Chief, Nursing Service, Noble Army Hospital, Ft. Benning, Ga.

This is first selection under new Army program to recognize outstanding nurses in this manner. Hereafter, winner will be announced each Feb. 2 in connection with Army Nurse Corps Anniversary celebration.

President Praises Nation's Youth At 'Big Brother' Award Presentation

"I do not despair of our youth," President Johnson remarked in a White House statement issued on acceptance of the Big Brother of the Year Award by evangelist Billy Graham.

The President said, "I think our young men and women in the Peace Corps, in Vietnam, and in our Community Action Poverty Programs, have established themselves as the finest generation in the history of this Nation."

The President witnessed the presentation as Dr. Graham received the award for "leadership and influence among the youth of our country."

BEST IN ROTC—2nd Lt. Neil L. Keltner, USA (right), accepts the 1965 Hughes Trophy from Lt. Gen. John L. Throckmorton, USA, Chief, Reserve Components, Dept. of Army (left), and Deputy Under Secretary of the Army (Manpower) Arthur W. Allen. The Hughes Trophy is awarded annually to the student chosen as the outstanding ROTC graduate.

Defense Dept. to Hire 10,000 In Youth Opportunity Drive

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has ordered creation of some 10,000 new summer jobs for youngsters aged 16-21 as DOD's part of President's Youth Opportunity Campaign.

Jobs will be created at ratio of at least one extra trainee for each 100 employees currently on DOD's payroll. This is in addition to regular summer hiring.

Secretary McNamara said he expects all DOD components to not only meet, but exceed the goal, as was done in last summer's highly successful program.

'Time-in-Service' Requirements To Be Reduced for Army 2nd Lts.

Army second lieutenants may look to faster promotion opportunity as the current 18-month time-in-service criteria is periodically reduced in the next five months.

It will be scaled downward each month starting June 1 and will descend to a 12-month time-in-service requirement on Nov. 1, which will remain as the new criteria for promotion eligibility.

Army Clarifies Policy On Involuntary Extensions

Army has clarified its involuntary extension program for officers seeking voluntary retirement, unqualified resignation, or relief from active duty.

Applications may be denied only after the officer's qualifications are carefully weighed against Army requirements and there is an overriding need for services which cannot be met otherwise.

This does not preclude denying an application when critical shortages exist for those possessing specific qualifications, including skills, specialties, experience, education and training.

In no case will involuntary retention be more than 18 months.

Kolligian Trophy Awarded

Capt. Robert E. Watkins, USAF, has been awarded the 1965 Koren Kolligian Jr. Trophy for outstanding airmanship in successfully coping with an inflight emergency during the past year.

The 34-year-old Tactical Air Command pilot received the trophy from Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. William H. Blanchard.

He received the award for overcoming an aerial refueling difficulty that nearly forced him to abandon his F-104 Starfighter during a mass deployment to Southeast Asia last October.

BRIDGE BUSTER—Capt. C. Glen Nix, USAF, is credited with destroying the key Bac Giang railroad and highway bridge linking Hanoi with Communist China. Capt. Nix, piloting an F-105 Thunderchief, hit the middle of the center span with a full bomb load.

Publish First Volume Of MacArthur Reports

The first of a three-volume series, "Reports of General MacArthur" has been published. Called "MacArthur in Japan—The Occupation: Military Phase," the new book covers the Japanese occupation from its beginning in August 1945 to the end of 1948.

Except for addition of a foreword by Gen. Harold K. Johnson, Army Chief of Staff, and an index, each volume reproduces page proofs printed in 1950 for Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo.

The book may be purchased for $5.25 from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20401.

U.S. Netherlands Agree On Howitzer Production

Negotiations have been completed between DOD and the Ministry of Defense of The Netherlands to coproduce the U.S. Army self-propelled 155mm howitzer (M-109) for The Netherlands Defense Ministry.

The agreement provides that The Netherlands Defense Ministry will purchase approximately 100 armored vehicles from the U.S. for approximately $14 million.

The U.S. designed gun and mount will be manufactured and installed on the vehicles in The Netherlands.

Student Receives Six Offers Of Service-Related Education

Some high school graduates may have difficulty getting into the college of their choice, but James C. Bell, senior at Choctawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., has just the opposite problem.

Bell applied for a Presidential appointment to the Air Force Academy and also the Naval Academy. He took the competitive examination for admission to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and applied for Navy ROTC enrollment in Georgia Tech, Duke and Tulane universities.

Recently, all six institutions notified Bell of his selection for their respective schools.

He chose to attend the Coast Guard Academy.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

RAdm. Edward J. Fahy, Chief, BUSHIPS, to Commander, Naval Ship Systems Command. **RAdm. Arthur R. Gralla,** Deputy Chief, BUWEPS, to Commander, Naval Ordnance Systems Command. **RAdm. Alexander C. Husband,** Chief, BUDOCKS, and Chief, Civil Engr., to Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. **Maj. Gen. Delmar E. Wilson, USAF,** Hq. 16 AF, USAFE, to Assistant to Commander, Hq. 15 AF SAC, March AFB, Calif., July 18. **Brig. Gen. Robert C. Gildart, USA,** Hqs. EUSA, to Hq. 35th Artillery Brigade (AD), Ft. George G. Meade, Md., June 20. **Brig. Gen. David S. Parker, USA,** Engineering Division, North Atlantic, to Army CofS Office, Wash., D. C., June 1.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Oscar Mayer and Company, Madison, Wisc.: $1,153,820 contract for 499,968 cans (22-ounce) of pre-fried sliced bacon. **(DSA)**

United Aircraft Corp., Stratford, Conn.: $7,010,000 fixed-price contract for CH-54 helicopters. **(Army)**

Haycox Construction Co., Inc., Virginia Beach, Va.: A $1,119,000 fixed price contract for the construction of a 502-man barracks at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Oceana, Va. **(Navy)**

Gas Equipment Engineering Corp., Milford, Conn.: $2,202,050 contract for production of liquid oxygen/nitrogen generating plants. **(Air Force)**

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